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## THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Little is being done in congress. The House meets daily and passes a few pension bills with a quarter of the members present. The senate convenes without a quorum by a good deal, and many of the members go to sleep in the cloak room while Senator Morgan of Alabama drones along in what he calls an arraignment of the administration on the Panama canal treaty. The treaty is not publicly before the senate but the rules of that body permit talk and libelous on any matter that happens to come into the head of the talker.

Senator Morgan takes radical ground: that there is no republic of Panama; that this country has no right to foster or encourage the preposterous notion; that the whole scheme is a conspiracy for the plunder of Columbia, with which we are at peace; that the French canal company which has lost half a billion of dollars has still vitality enough to make an immense row to our great expense and detriment; that we shall hear in a few days that his prophecy has come true; that Columbia could reclaim its own and "wipe out the adventures and spoliation, Indians, negroes, and Chinamen who now constitute Panama" in about one day without interfering with the traffic on the isthmus if Mr. Roosevelt would keep his hands off, &c., &c.

There is a shadow of support for this, in the morning papers, which announce that Columbia has appealed to the French courts for an injunction to prevent the transfer of the Panama Canal Company's rights on the isthmus to the American government without the consent of Columbia. The report causes a tuffling of the waters.

Senator Marcus A. Hanna will make a strong speech against the promotion of Gen. Wood to be Major-General. A good many republicans will probably vote against confirmation.

Congressman Rider, from New York City, has been politely but forcibly requested by Tammany to resign, so that ex-Senator Charles A. Towne can be sent to Washington in his place. He flatly refuses. Rider doesn't propose to be riden.

Since Panama has become the centre of international interest it is not amiss to recall the fact that as long ago as 1862 President Lincoln urged a delegation of negroes to found a colony there. He agreed to protect them if they should go to the isthmus and told them they would be free and equal. It seems certain that old Abe would not have hesitated to interfere under present conditions to establish a republic.

The Panama question seems likely to take a rest in congress. Friday was spent in the senate discussing the resolution for a congressional committee to investigate postoffice frauds. Democrats insisted that it was necessary because such an investigation cannot properly be entrusted to the department where the fraud existed; republicans opposed the resolution on the ground that the investigation by the postoffice department is very thorough and that congressional investigations seldom result in finding out anything.

Next Tuesday there will be a mass meeting in the interest of peace and arbitration at the Lafayette Theatre in this city. The speakers announced include Andrew Carnegie, Cardinal Gibbons, Rabbi Hirsch, Edward Everett Hale, Governor Durbin of Indiana, and the Presidents of Princeton and Columbia.

On Thursday evening there was a great reception to the diplomatic corps at the White House. Colombia was not represented. Three thousand invitations were accepted by the most prominent people in the country and many had to wait in line for an hour.

The return of William Jennings Bryan on the Celtic, and his arrival in New York will be greeted with the upsurge of a great reception, "one of the biggest that a civilian has ever received." In return for this he is expected to keep his head under a barrel and keep very small till after the next presidential election.

Your correspondent encountered on a street one yesterday Mr. Henry Gannett who recently returned from taking the census of the Philippines.

He says that he succeeded in taking a very complete census, omitting to count only the inaccessible islands populated by barbarians. The Moros were mostly gathered in. He does not affirm that Luzon is an ideal home for Americans, but says he would like to spend his winters there.

What is known as the Northern Railway merger case is attracting a good deal of attention before the Supreme Court here, the state of Minnesota appearing as plaintiff. The state holds the merger to be contrary to law, a menacing monopoly, and dangerous to the proprietary interests of the country.

The Federation of Labor is on hand for the purpose of asking several favors of congress. The eight-hour bill was lost in the shuffle last year, not so much by the refusal of congress to act as by the fact that it was amended by the House beyond recognition till Samuel Gompers exclaimed indignantly "Very well if that is all that is left of it, you may kill it if you want to." Gompers, Mitchell, Nichols and their co-delegates have failed to induce Speaker Cannon to appoint their man, Liversh, on the labor committee, and whether Hearst will prove a successful substitute remains to be seen. McOmbs is still on deck in the senate committee and, as he is to be superseded by a democrat, he may be tolerably independent. There will be a meeting of the committee in a couple of weeks.

**Weather Statistics**  
The following record kept by R. D. Sayre will be of interest as showing the intensity of cold days here for nearly a quarter of a century past. The readings all, with two exceptions, show degrees below zero: Dec. 30, 1880, 16°; 31st, 22°; Jan. 1, 1881, 22°; 2nd, 8°; 3d, 3°; 25th, 12°; Feb. 18, 1885, 6°; Feb. 18 to 25 high winds and zero weather and in this gale the steeple of the Reformed church at P. J. blew off. May 4, 1885, snow squalls; Jan. 13, '86, 14°; 14th, 12°; 15th, 6°; Jan. 8, 1887, 16°; April 18, 7 inches snow and April 20, 14" below freezing; Jan. 22, 1888, 14°; 23d, 18°; Feb. 9th, 8°; 10th, 15°; 16th, 10°; Jan. 2, 1899, 13°; Feb. 10th, 10°; March 18, 1900, 10°; Jan. 5, 1904, 25°; Jan. 6th, 16 degrees, 11th, 6 degrees. It will be seen from above that the recent cold was 3 degrees greater than any day in the past twenty-three years, the nearest approach being in 1880 when the thermometer went down to 22.

**For Good Roads**  
The Executive and Legislative committees of the state grange at a recent meeting discussed the Sprout road law and agreed that its provisions were not generally applicable to the counties in the state. That not over half the counties could afford to accept the aid offered as now provided, and it was concluded to formulate a new bill to be presented to the next legislature making such changes or amendments as would enable all the counties to take advantage of the appropriation. Other laws among them one to allow trolley companies to carry freight and one for the relief of local taxation by allowing counties and municipalities to retain the balance of the personal property tax and all of the liquor license fees now paid to the state will be presented to the next legislature.

**Of Interest to the Housewife**  
In addition to bright fiction, illustrated articles and other matter of general interest to women, "The Delineator" for February contains papers by experts on various household topics and excellent culinary advice. Eleanor Marchant contributes an instructive paper on serving the simple home breakfast, luncheon and dinner, the illustrations of which are especially suggestive. A Holland Luncheon, also illustrated, will also appeal to those who delight in novelty. Other cookery items in it are recipes for luncheon diners & la Finchaite, suggestions for the preparation of winter fruits and a number of choice recipes of novel desserts.

**A Very Close Call**  
"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes G. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters, and after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists. Price 50 cents.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Kenneth McClurg of New York spent a few days last week in town. R. D. Sayre and wife left Tuesday for Philadelphia where they will visit Prof. Maxwell Sommerville for several days.

Rev. Francis E. Smith of the Port Jervis Presbyterian church preached several excellent sermons to large audiences here this week.

Preparatory to occupying his handsome new residence on Broad street Dr. H. E. Emerson has this week been removing his household goods to it.

Vin H. Armstrong, Esq., and wife, after spending some time in Washington, have gone to St. Augustine, Florida, for a stay of several weeks.

Dan Wheeler, who has been seriously ill in New York with pneumonia, is recovering. His sister, who has been visiting him, has returned here.

Irene Kimble, deputy postmistress at Matamoras, has been sworn in as postmistress, pending the appointment of a successor to the late George H. Langton.

Congratulations are now being tendered Robert Findlay over the arrival at his home of an exceedingly valuable express package brought him by the stork. It is a boy.

Mrs. Ella B. Fulmer of Dingmans, who is spending the winter in Philadelphia and whose health for some time has not been good, is reported as not improving, and that her condition gives her friends much concern.

**How the River Falls**  
By the Delaware river it is 176 miles from Lackawaxen to the sea level and in that distance the fall is 600 feet, or an average 3.40 feet per mile. Taking the distance from Lackawaxen to Trenton, 140 miles, the fall is practically the same and the river falls at the rate of 3.57 feet a mile. The distance from Deposit to Lackawaxen is 68 miles and the fall 400 feet or 5.88 a mile. From Milford to Easton by the river it is 68 miles and the fall is 3.38 a mile. From Lackawaxen to Milford, 30 miles, the fall is 200 feet or 6.66 a mile. Showing that the stream is most rapid between those two points. Canoeists therefore who seek the swiftest water would embark at Lackawaxen and disembark at Milford if they wish only a short trip. There are, however, opportunities to drown any where along the stream.

**A Pleasant Surprise**  
Tuesday evening eighteen of his Masonic brethren tendered A. D. Brown a surprise party, the occasion being to pay their respects in commemoration of his sixty-ninth birthday. A most enjoyable period was occupied and an excellent repast served. A beautiful oil painting of a nearby scene by artist D. J. Anderson was tendered Mr. Brown by Brother Nils, who presented the testimonial of the good will of the brethren, in a few well chosen remarks, to which the recipient very happily responded.

The surprise was so carefully conducted that Mr. Brown had not the faintest suspicion of the intended visit until he was called to the door to admit the party.

**Professor Sommerville's Gift**  
Professor Maxwell Sommerville, dressed in Oriental costume, presented a collection of Oriental paintings which he had gathered on his last tour in the East to the Ancient Order of Noble Knights of the Mystic Shrine, at the first meeting held in the unfinished La La Temple, Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, on Wednesday evening, January 6.

Past Imperial Potentate Philip Shaffer installed the elected officers after Professor Sommerville's address, and the new \$10,000 organ was dedicated and played for the first time by Organist Isaac Elliott. A class of twenty novices was put through the initiation ceremony.

"The most and pleasantest medicine I have used for indigestion and constipation is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets," says Melard F. Cough, of Middleboro, N. Y. "They work like a charm and do not grip or have any unpleasant effect." For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, all general stores in Pike county.

Dingman's is headquarters for Lowrey's confections.

## JURORS FOR MARCH TERM

The Men who will sit in Judgment in the Cases of Litigants in March.

**GRAND JURORS**  
Alman, Samuel, Lackawaxen.  
Corey, Victor, Greene.  
Cooper, Patrick, Shohola.  
Duboise, Aristide, Milford.  
Dawson, Richard J., Greene.  
Dawley, Robert S., Westfall.  
Fetz, Peter, Westfall.  
Goetts, Lorenz, Lackawaxen.  
Grady, James, Lackawaxen.  
Hoffman, Henry, Lackawaxen.  
Happs, Anthony, Greene.  
Killev, John W., Delaware.  
Krauss, Philip, Lackawaxen.  
Langan, William, Palmyra.  
McCarty, George B., Milford.  
Quinn, Charles, Dingman.  
Rowland, A. G., Lackawaxen.  
Smith, Robert, Palmyra.  
Sheen, John H., Westfall.  
Shepherd, Thomas, Delaware.  
Thrall, Frank B., Milford.  
Vandervoort, Ambrose, Westfall.  
Westfall, Herbert, Lackawaxen.  
Westbrook, Robert J., Westfall.

**TRAVELERS JURORS**  
Boyd, James E., Milford.  
Bouhier, Chris, Palmyra.  
Blitz, John W., Greene.  
Bahrmelster, Charles, Shohola.  
Canns, Joseph, Delaware.  
Cuddeback, David, Milford Tap.  
Davis, John L., Westfall.  
Drescher, August, Westfall.  
Everdeen, William, Palmyra.  
Eckhart, Charles, Shohola.  
Erisbie, William, Lackawaxen.  
Honck, Charles, Greene.  
Halfman, August, Milford.  
Hart, Daniel, Lackawaxen.  
Hiby, Jacob, Shohola.  
Helms, Albert, Milford.  
Holbert, Frank, Lackawaxen.  
Hanna, William J., Delaware.  
Kellan, G. S., Palmyra.  
Kessler, Frederick A., Westfall.  
Litta, Thomas G., Lehman.  
Mills, Hugh, Westfall.  
McBride, George, Westfall.  
Molony, J. E., Westfall.  
Mader, Casper, Blooming Grove.  
McConnell, Patrick, Bl'm'g Grove.  
Masker, Abraham, Palmyra.  
Nipert, Albert, Jr., Greene.  
Price, Marvin, Greene.  
Reed, Henry B., Milford Tap.  
Roos, Frederick, Greene.  
Supple, Stanton, Milford.  
Van Gordon, J. G., Westfall.  
Warner, John C., Milford.  
Wilson, Edgar, Greene.  
Daumann, Frank, Milford Tap.

**San Jose Scale Notes**  
We hope never to be guilty of having issued from this office a general or popular Bulletin that fails to call attention to the two great necessities of all fruit growers in this State, viz: The Protection of our native birds and the suppression of the San Jose scale.  
\* \* \* The word "San Jose" is derived from the Spanish language, and consequently is not pronounced as spelled in English. The "J" has the sound of "h" and the "e" should be given the sound of our long "a," as in "fate." Thus the word is pronounced "San" (rhyming with "pan") "Ho-zay," accent on the second syllable.  
\* \* \* A friend writes us that he finds the San Jose scale and the Oyster Shell scale carried on the orange fruit. This can often be seen, as well as upon apples and other fruits, but as we published in November, the San Jose is not disseminated in this manner, as it will not multiply from ripe fruits. When seen upon fruits it is dead or absolutely as innocuous as dead, as it multiplies only by giving birth to living young, and it does not do this until after it commences to feed again. While it may fix and feed upon fruits that are very green, it never feeds upon ripe fruits, and hence is not spread by them, even though found upon them. The Oyster Shell scale, however, multiplies by means of eggs, which may be found under its scale at this time of the year. These may be carried upon ripe fruits, twigs, logs, and by other means, and will hatch and develop wherever they find favorable conditions.—Monthly Bulletin Division of Zoology.

**Domestic Trouble**  
It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally, but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they say by their great work in stomach and liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure. 25c at all drug stores.

## INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS

Former R. W. G. M. Conrad B. Day of Philadelphia died this week.

Brown's Hall has been refurnished this week with new folding chairs.

The democratic caucus in Delaware township will be held Saturday, January 16th.

Bridge building, repairing, view-ing and inspecting cost Wayne county in 1903 about \$17,000.

The trial of George Jagger for the shooting of Mrs. Victor Bevan will begin at Newton Feb. 8th next.

Up in Wayne county the county auditors and jury commissioners do their own clerical work and save the expenses of clerks.

The jury commissioners of Monroe county filed the wheel with 480 names and drew the jurors for February term in three days.

The York Bridge Company secured the contract for building the state bridge over Brodheads creek between the two Stroudsburg's for \$14,754.

Ex-Confederate General John B. Gordon died last Saturday night at his winter home, Miami, Florida, aged about 72 years. He was twice elected governor and three times to the United States senate.

Sugar Loaf Mountain in Rowan county, Kentucky, is becoming volcanic. Smoke issues in considerable volume, accompanied with a rumbling noise and the nearby inhabitants are fleeing.

It is said the promoters of the summer school at Naomi Pines in Monroe county will erect several large, new buildings and spend a million dollars in the project which is expected to out rival Chautauque.

John B. Carley, at one time village president of Port Jervis, and for many years a prominent business man of that place, died last Sunday afternoon at his home. His age was 74 years.

It is reported that the Lehigh Coal and Navigation company has bought the old Lehigh and New England railroad running from Slatington to Campbell Hall. If true it will give that company an independent outlet for its coal.

At a meeting of stockholders of the First National Bank of Milford the former directors, viz. A. D. Brown, E. Warner, C. O. Armstrong, Geo. W. Warner, P. C. Kin-kel, H. B. Wells and John C. Warner, were reelected.

The County Commissioners this week, with the approval of the County Auditors, increased the fees of the County Treasurer by allowing him a commission of 2 1/2 per cent on the money received from the state paid by the Erie. It will increase his compensation about \$100.

A passenger train on the Erie, the Chicago limited east bound, was wrecked Monday afternoon near Hales Eddy. The entire train, locomotive, tender, baggage and passenger cars left the rails and some went over the embankment. Nineteen passengers were injured but none killed.

The Democratic National Committee has fixed St. Louis as the place and July 6 as the time for holding the convention to nominate candidates for President and Vice President. The selection of St. Louis is considered in some quarters as having been a slight victory for the Maryland aspirant.

The County Commissioners last Saturday let the contract for the new iron bridge at Rowland's to Nelson & Buchanan of Chambersburg, Pa. The span is 180 feet and the price is reported to be \$5,570. This bridge first and last has been a very expensive matter for the county and it is to be hoped that now whatever work is done there it will be of a nature to be permanent.

John Latta, a veteran of the Civil War, who boarded at Kimbles, was killed by an Erie train last Saturday near East Hawley. His legs were found just below that station, and later the body and his hat were found three miles away at Kimbles. He had been attending a meeting of a G. A. R. post, of which he was a member, and it is supposed was struck by a train while walking home.

## OBITUARY

GEORGE HARVEY LANGTON

Mr. Langton, who died suddenly Friday afternoon, January 8th, at Matamoras of heart failure, was born at Phillipsport, Sullivan county, N. Y., April 23, 1836. In early life he followed farming, afterwards became section foreman on the D. & H. canal and when the Civil War began he enlisted in Co. F 134th N. Y. Vol., known as the "Orange Blossoms." He was in several battles and was severely wounded in the left forearm by a rifle ball in the second days fight at Gettysburg. After receiving an honorable discharge from the army he was engaged in business for a short time in Port Jervis and then opened a grocery store in Matamoras which he conducted for many years. In 1899 he was appointed postmaster at Matamoras and was reappointed in 1903 by President Roosevelt.

He was a quiet citizen, a man of strict integrity and a faithful member of the church. He was a member of Carroll Post G. A. R., Prosper Legion No. 7, Ustayantha Lodge, No. 143, I. O. O. F., and also of the Masonic Lodge.

His first wife was Melinda A. Tice and the following named children by this union survive: Eva, wife of James Van Dyne, of Waldwick; Calvin F. and Nellie M., of New York, and Lorin, of Elizabethport. His second wife who was Asenath Van Eiten, and one sister, Ann, wife of F. Harding, of Wurtsboro, N. Y., also survive.

The funeral was held Monday, Rev. O. J. Shoop officiating, and interment in Laurel Grove cemetery.

## President's Panama Message

The president's Panama message to congress has removed every doubt entertained by the most skeptical as to the correctness of the attitude of the administration on this question. Nevertheless, it is seen that the democrats in congress will continue to oppose the canal treaty. Having gotten themselves into a mudhole through the false leadership of Senator Gorman, they are loth to admit their position absolutely untenable and so fall back into that quite natural democratic attitude of opposition. Nor is the country surprised at this astounding spectacle of antagonism to the interests of the nation; the program is usual.

There is no question, however, of the ratification of the treaty. In spite of Senator Hoar's talk, he will vote for it as will every other republican, and there are not a few democrats ready at this moment to cooperate individually with the republicans on this great question. Democrats generally in congress as units are not bad. It is their party politics and collective action which invariably embody monumental asininity and from which many unwilling individuals would dissent if not bound by caucus rule. A number of the Southern senators received explicit local instructions to vote for the treaty and others are now hearing pointedly from their constituents to the effect that the South wants that treaty ratified.

## This Year's Holidays

The Montrose Republican informs us that the holidays of the year will fall as follows: Memorial Day, Monday, Fourth of July on Monday, Labor day on Monday, and Christmas on Sunday. Down in this neck of woods, besides the foregoing, we have already taken a holiday on Friday, January 1, and intend also to take a day off on Friday, February 12, Lincoln's birthday; Tuesday, February 16, election day; Monday, February 22, Washington's birthday; Good Friday, April 1; Tuesday, November 8, election day, and Thursday, November 24, Thanksgiving day, all of which were designated legal holidays by the act of 1897, besides every Saturday afternoon, from 12 o'clock noon to midnight, which the same act makes half holidays. Lent begins on February 17. This is a trifle earlier than last year, and Easter Sunday will fall on April 3, which is nine days earlier than last year. Palm Sunday will fall on March 27, and Good Friday on April 1.—Honesdale Citizen.

## Wonderful News

Is displayed by many a man enduring pains of accidental wounds, cuts, bruises, burns, scalds, sore feet or stiff joints. But there's no need for it. Bucklen's Arnica Salve will kill the pain and cure the trouble. It's the best salve on earth for piles, too. 25c at all druggists.

## THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

The outlook for an ice freshet is good.

Well! The old boards of directors for the Milford and Matamoras, Dingman's, etc., railroads have been reelected. Pretty soon the cars will run. Findlays stage for the mail and passengers and John Ryder will carry the freight.

So our Chief Burgess got it because he was too lenient with some offenders. Use all alike. A bust is a bust and must be paid for.

Our chief of police is still alive and moving. More than he expected a week ago.

The Presbyterian church was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday evening. Those present had the pleasure of listening to an excellent temperance sermon.

A few enjoyed a sleighride last Sunday. It was the first pleasant Sunday in four.

The ice bridge at Matamoras is safe.

Quinn's Half-Way House will have a new landlord after April 1st. La Forge Caskey, the former proprietor of the Hickory Grove Hotel, has rented the stand.

If reports are true this borough will have one more hotel after March court.

Eggs are still scarce and high. Poultry is plentiful.

You read nothing but "War certain to come in the far East. Well the Russian bear is bound to gobble up the best part of China sooner or later, unless some of the other great powers put a muzzle on his bearship.

Revange is said to be sweet, but it is better to be imbued with a spirit of forgiveness. It sometimes prevents trouble, disgrace and expense.

Dr. H. E. Emerson has taken possession of his new residence on Broad street.

John Aldrich's milk and Thomas Lantz's sleigh had a collision on Fourth street Tuesday morning. Thomas's sleigh was upset, the meat took a spill and the team went as far as the Jardon House.

Mrs. A. S. Dingman suffered considerably the past week from the effects of her face getting frost bitten when coming home from church one evening last week.

The county auditors and jury commissioners did not get through in a hurry this time.

It is claimed that the commissioners will pay the much talked about fire bills next Monday.

Snow enough for sleighing yet.

## Practical Measures During January

To Prevent Diseases of Plants and Depredations by Insects.  
Spare the knife and spoil the tree. Prune whenever your knife is sharp; keep a keen edge on the blade of your pruning knife all the time.

Pruning invigorates the tree and promotes growth, especially if it be enfeebled from any cause. Increased vigor is one of the fundamental features in preventing or overcoming the effects of pests.

Select and order your seeds now. Send to some reliable firm that has its reputation to maintain as a portion of its "stock in trade," as every honest man should have. Examine them carefully with a hand microscope to see if any weed seeds may be present, and if so do not use them.

Clean the seed oats well now, giving it a good screening and winnowing, and thus avoid planting the mustard seeds that will produce the mustard weeds which so many correspondents will be asking how to overcome next harvest when it will be too late.

## Caucus Notice

The republicans of Dingman township will meet at the election house, (E. O. Bischoff) Saturday, Jan. 23, 1904, at 3 p. m. to nominate candidates for the ensuing election.

J. E. BOILEAU,  
Twp. Committeeman.  
Jan. 18, 1904.

## Saved From Terrible Death

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargar-ton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skilled physicians and every remedy used, failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores.